



Rising Freshmen
Curriculum Night
Class of 2023

Agenda

- Welcome & Overview
 - Ellen Reilly, Principal
- Student Activities
- Registration Process
- Special Education
- PTSA
- Curriculum Fair

McLean High School Mission

To create and uphold a community where all learners are challenged to reach their full potential.

CORE VALUES

- Educate, inspire and engage all learners in an enriching educational experience
- Encourage all learners to be self-directed, independent, and responsible
- Foster creative and critical thinking skills
- Provide challenging opportunities in all curricular and extracurricular settings
- Develop and sustain a healthy and caring culture focused on positive social and emotional skills to improve learning for all
- Engage the entire McLean community in a supportive and collaborative learning environment

Student Activities

- BE INVOLVED!
- Students who participate in sports are more likely to: Have a higher GPA, receive higher test scores, attend college, have more self esteem (Eccles JS, Barber BL (1999), Journal of Adolescent)
- 26 Varsity Athletic Programs
 - Many have “sub-varsity teams”
 - Fall sports begin in August
 - www.mcleanactivities.org
- Numerous Clubs
 - Academic, interest, service etc.
 - Students can start a club

Your Counselor

Last Name	Counselor
A-Ca	Elisa Talmage (ELTalmage@fcps.edu)
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College & Career Center Specialist – Laura Venos

Graduation Requirements

Advanced Studies Diploma 26 credits

- 4 English credits
- 4 Social Studies credits
- 4 Math credits
- 4 Science credits
- 3 World Language credits
or 2 credits of 1 language and 2 credits of another
- 2 PE credits
- 1 Fine Art or Career and Technical Education
- 1 Economics & Personal Finance
- 3 Electives
- First Aid Training
- AP, HN course or CTE Credential

Standard Diploma 22 credits

- 4 English credits
- 4 Social Studies credits
- 3 Math credits
- 3 Science credits
- 2 PE credits
- 2 World Language, Fine Arts, or Career and Technical Education
- 1 Economics & Personal Finance
- 3 Electives
- First Aid Training
- AP, HN course or CTE Credential

SOL Requirements (*Verified Credits*)

Advanced Studies Diploma

- 2 English
- 1 Social Studies
- 1 Math
- 1 Science

Standard Diploma

- 2 English
- 1 Social Studies
- 1 Math
- 1 Science

Academic Planning

What to Consider When Choosing Courses

(Balance, Balance, Balance)

- Strength of schedule
- Past Performance (expunge 8th grade credits?)
- Course pre-requisites
- Career exploration
- Time management (*academics, extracurricular activities, friends and family*)

9th Grade Course Choices

- English 9 or English 9 HN
- World Hist/Geog 1 or World Hist/Geog HN
- Alg 1, Geom, Geom HN, Alg 2 or Alg 2 HN
- Environmental Science, Biology or Biology HN
- HPE 9
- French, Spanish, German, Latin, Chinese or ASL (Korean and Arabic are Academy courses)
- Visual/Performing Arts, Business, Marketing, Tech Ed, etc

Timeline for Registration Process

- **January 28** : McLean counselors visit Longfellow
- **February 5-8** : Longfellow counselors meet with students individually for academic advising
- **March 4** : From this date forward, scheduling questions should be directed to McLean counselors

What Now For Your Students?

- Discuss course selections with current teachers, Longfellow counselor, family, friends at McLean HS
- Read information in the 9th Grade Curriculum Guide
- Choose courses that will challenge, but allow for a well balance life schedule.

Special Education Services

- Continuum of Services
 - Self - contained
 - Team Taught
 - Honors and Advanced Placement
- Transition to High School – Consider the current IEP and placement
- Support electives:
 - Literacy Lab 1 (9th grade only)
 - Literacy Lab 2 (10th/11th grade only)
 - Strategies for Success
 - Assessment Center
- Special Education Chairs – Kim Farmar (Cat A) and Mark Thompson (Cat B)
- School Psychologist (Beth Werfel) and School Social Worker (Marly Jerome Featherson)

PTSA

Deena Gordon Parla, President Elect

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bKj3NUgQYk8&t=11s>

Where To Go Next

Teachers will be Available to Answer Questions
in Upper Gym & Dance Room

Thanks!

We look forward to seeing you in the fall!